

# Behrend Beacon

## Homecoming events a campus-wide success

Punchline headlines a show with Cascade Atlantic in McGarvey Commons on Thursday Oct. 14 for homecoming.  
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With Midnight Bingo, the homecoming white-out dance and the We the Kings and Jcole concert remaining, students will have had an eventful homecoming week.

On Thursday evening, McGarvey commons was full with a crowd of over 200 students for the Punchline and Cascade Atlantic concert. Both of these Pittsburgh bands were recruited by Behrend student Ben Smith, and Sigma Tau Gamma.

"There was a lot of dancing, a lot of jumping, and a lot of singing. There was so much energy," Smith said.

Punchline has played at the campus on multiple occasions. Students were excited for their return, and were sure to show their appreciation.

Zach Blauser, a student in attendance, said "It got pretty rowdy in

there at one point. There was some attempted crowd surfing and a failed mosh-pit."

The show raised money through donations and glow stick sales to benefit breast cancer awareness organization Linked by Pink.

Lead singer of Punchline Steve Soboslai said, "We felt like the crowd was really united by awareness."

The night before, a field of inflatables hyped up Homecoming Week on the front lawn of Reed. Voting for the Homecoming King and Queen was completed. Also, Despicable Me was shown as a drive in movie on the front lawn of Reed.

According to Andy Iams, president of homecoming committee, Over 500 people are to attend the dance.

Tickets for the We The Kings and J.Cole concert will continue to be sold at the RUB Desk for \$10 with a student ID until Sunday evening.

## Greek Week names a Winner

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With Greek Week at an end, it is important to us, here at the Behrend Beacon, to answer the question on everyone's mind. Who won?

While there is no clear cut way to decide which fraternity or sorority won in overall spirit and pizzazz, we can tell you who won and placed in every event that took place this past week.

In case you don't remember, these events included Monday's volleyball tournament, Tuesday's dodge ball game, a tug-of-war event and 5-legged race, Wednesday's Greek Sing, Thursday's 3 vs. 3 basketball game and knockout, and Friday's pie eating contest, water balloon toss, and chariot races.

Sorority President, Abby Cavalline shares her opinion on which event was most successful this Greek Week in saying, "I think that's definitely a matter of opinion. A lot of people like the different events and most people like Greek Sing. I like the individual events because they get everyone pumped up and there's so much adrenaline and energy."

One thing is clear, as we can see from Greek Week: Behrend's Greek society is always alive and thriving.

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## Behrend campus preparing for winter

### Maintenance staff takes steps to ensure safety of students this season



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As the cold wind stings in our faces as we walk to class on the other side of campus, one cannot but wonder how Behrend will prepare for the inevitable winter weather.

Luckily, Behrend has managed to fight back the snow with the help of our maintenance staff, but how do they manage to keep Behrend up and running with Erie snow? Randy Geering, the Behrend's maintenance supervisor, knows all there is to know about preparing for snow.

"With thirty-seven maintenance and operations workers, plus the help of Housing & Food Services staff in certain areas, we have the manpower for the job," Geering said.

Fortunately for maintenance, they won't have to rely on using just snowshovels. They will be equipped with a fleet of

pickup trucks and dump trucks with plows and salt spreaders, Skid steers, Tractors, front loaders with big box plows, many walk behind snowblowers, and a lot of shovels.

But, even with all this equipment, there will always be challenges. "Dealing with the ice" is the number one priority on Geering's list. Even with all this help, students may also want to prepare for the snow.

"With the snow Erie can experience I would recommend everyone living here to have actual snow tires, a good snow brush, and a small shovel in their trunk. Even with the best efforts the snow wins sometimes," Said Geering.

So when should we run out and grab our winter gear?

"We're expecting any significant snowfall to come in late October," according to Geering. Until then, enjoy the fair weather while it lasts.